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Letter To The Editor

December 30, 1977

To The Editor:

During the past several weeks Appomattox has had unfavorable news about teen-age activity in our town and now is reeling from the shock and sorrow of the deaths of two young girls in a traffic accident.

I suggest that we all, teenagers included, begin to think about constructive activities to help make Appomattox a better place in which to live. It already has much to offer and with some good thinking and action on the part of the members of this community it can be an even more delightful place in which to live.

Many teenagers are not involved in church and school programs and I wonder if our churches, which are dark except for one or two hours a week, could not examine how they could serve the needs of teenagers. The imposition of a curfew does not attack basic causes.

Are the energies of our young people used for the needs of the rest of the community? They have a lot to give. Let's hear their ideas about our town in the this newspaper. Then, let's get involved with them.

Since Appomattox now has the dubious distinction of having the worst jail in the State of Virginia, let's not add to its reputation in a derogatory manner.

Sincerely,
M.J. Hoffman

STONEWALL

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. Daniel 6:19

Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell had all of their children for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Mitchell and David Mitchell from Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spencer of Virginia Beach on Monday. Mrs. Mitchell went with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer home and stayed 'til Saturday and they brought her home and stayed til Monday.

We are all excited over Mrs. Cris Gallier's plans to come home Thursday. A miracle has been wrought. Thanks be to God. Only He could do it through the good doctors.

Mr. Hugh Braford is at McGuire Hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Sara Holden and son, Jason from Madison, Wisconsin came home for Christmas.

Mr. John L. Harrison is not so well.

Most of Mr. Osborn Davidson's family came to see him during Christmas.

The B. W. C. of Hebron met Tuesday night with a big number present. All had such a good time.

Mr. Edward Davidson left for camp in Georgia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thomas had all of their children for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Harrison got moved in their new home before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Staton have their home near completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kalding of Thawville, Illinois surprised her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and got here on Wednesday and stayed til Sunday. They will visit their daughter and son in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Metz who are attending college at Indiana State College on the way home.

Sherry Lyn Maxwell Cynthia Leigh Maxwell

Congratulations to my daughters, Sherry Lyn Maxwell and Cynthia Leigh Maxwell for making the straight "A" Honor Roll and the A and B Honor Roll twice in succession. "At $5.00 per "A", you're breaking your old Dad" - but let's try for bankruptcy!!

FARM RECEIPTS IN COUNTY, $5,356,000

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ment payments and "income in kind," which is the value of home-grown food consumed on the farm.

According to the latest Department of Agriculture statistics, approximately 32 percent of Appomattox County's cash receipts from farm goods was from the sale of crops and 68 percent from sales of livestock, poultry and dairy products.

The rub for the farmer lies in the fact that he seems to be on a treadmill. He has been increasing his yield but has been making little headway otherwise because of steadily rising operating costs.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

AGGRAVATING GOD

Lesson for January 8, 1978

Background Scripture: Jonah
Devotional Reading: Jonah 2:1-9

Rev. Althouse

It is most unfortunate that in the minds of many people the Book of Jonah is simply a rather fantastic "fish story." Many people never get beyond disputing whether or not it was really possible for Jonah to have remained alive in the stomach of the great fish.

That's really too bad for the best part of the story of Jonah is what comes after his celebrated encounter at sea. If the first portion of his story could be regarded as the tale of a reluctant prophet, the second part could surely be regarded as the story of an aggravated and disgusted prophet.

And he was angry

One of the interesting aspects of Jonah's story is that he is a believable character. He is so human in nature and we probably all know someone like him. Like "Archie Bunker" his prejudices show through clearly. There is nothing subtle about his feelings and attitudes toward foreigners. It is with obvious relish that he enters the city of Nineveh, a hated pagan capitol, and gives dire prophecies of imminent doom. He can hardly conceal that he enjoys bearing these judgements against his nation's enemies.

Then, however, a strange and unexpected thing happens: the people of Nineveh take his message to heart and, instead of rejecting him and guaranteeing their destruction, repent and seek God's mercy. Jonah is no longer simply petulant, he is now furious. Something had told him all along that God would find a way of saving the city of Nineveh. His aggravation with God is obvious. "I pray thee, Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country?...for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love..." (Jonah 4:2). Jonah's words are almost an accusation, as if he is pointing to some serious flaw in God's character. Today some people still seem to think that way.

Misplaced pity

Like a spoiled child Jonah stomps away, murmuring that God might as well take his life away. If he can't have his way, he won't play. The unspoken implication to God is: "Now, see what you did to me!" One is uncertain whether to laugh or cry at petulant Jonah. His childishness is amusing for its candor, but it also strikes home to many of us. It is not hard for us to see ourselves in his place. We too know times when we don't agree with the way God runs his world. We don't always approve of his choice of friends and we think he's far too lenient with the "bad guys" (read "other guys").

To top everything, God pointed out that, if Jonah could feel sorry for a plant that he had not planted, why should he be aggravated with God for showing concern over a city of 120,000 souls? The book ends without any reply from Jonah. What can he say? God is right. Of course, he is—that's what makes him so aggravating to those of us who are satisfied only when God plays the game our way!

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which begins at 3:30 p.m., are representatives of the sponsoring churches, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia, and the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

A reception will be held at the church after the service. The public is invited to attend.

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Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Carter and Kimberly over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson and Ashley, of New Canton. Mrs. Florence Cox, of Mechanicsville. Overnight guests were Ashley Anderson and Mrs. Florence Cox. Rev. Samuel McGhee, of Amherst, was a visitor, also.

Senior citizens, of Gladstone, had a Christmas party at the firehouse. They were entertained by a musical program by Mrs. Lois Carter.

Mrs. Virginia Hunter was a dinner guests on Saturday in the home of Mrs. Sue Johnson.

Mrs. Calvin Martin, of Washington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Cunningham over the week end.

Rev. James Williams, Mrs. Williams, Renee and Cheryl have returned home after visiting relatives in South Carolina over the holidays.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Taylor and Carl on Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Tye Bollinger, Mr. and Mrs. Binford Phelps and Mrs. Virginia Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells had all their children home on Christmas day for dinner.

Those visiting Mrs. John Spiggle in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Spiggle over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Synder and Sharon, Mrs. Julia Brown, all from Lynchburg, Miss Vivian Brown, from New York, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pillow and Pam, from Stephen City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Seay and son were guests in the home of Mrs. Rachel Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin on Sunday.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Harris on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Megginson and grandchildren, Mrs. Elsie Megginson, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and Nikki.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thornhill, Mrs. Mary Thornhill, of Richmond, Mrs. Pearl Harris and Mrs. Olivia Todd, from Madison Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Burk and children, from Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, from Appomattox.

Mr. Lewis Harris has returned home after undergoing surgery in Lynchburg General Hospital. We wish him quick recovery.

Mrs. Belle Mundy has returned home after spending several weeks in Lynchburg General Hospital. We wish her quick recovery.

Mr. Ray Harris and son, Doug, of Lynchburg, spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris.

Mr. Wayne Mundy, of Baltimore, Miss Karan Watts and Miss Karan Goodman, of Manassas, spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cirus.

Canaan Baptist

Regular preaching service Sunday, Jan. 8 at 11:30 a.m. Rev. C. L. Elliott, pastor, was in charge of service.

Communion will be served. Please come and worship with us in the New Year of 1978.

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Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. Delivers New Year's Message

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. delivered a very inspiring and spiritual New Year sermon at the Galilee Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The young minister spoke on the theme: "Come From Behind the Bush". All present enjoyed the message. The pastor of the church conducted the devotionals. Beautiful music was rendered by the church choirs. A large number of visitors from several local churches were present.

The annual church meeting of the Galilee Baptist Church was held last Saturday evening at 7 p.m. The summary of the year was given by the treasurer and the financial secretary. The church adopted a very challenging program of work for the new year. The same type of program carried out last year will be followed this year. Each member present was challenged to work as a committee for church and community improvement for 1978.

All officers, members and friends are invited to worship at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor will deliver a special New Year's message.

Regular evening service will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 7 p.m. All officers, members and friends are asked to attend.

The members of the Appomattox Branch of the NAACP are reminded of the regular monthly meeting this Monday evening at 7:30 at the Zion Baptist Church, Pamplin, Va. Each church community is asked to be represented to greet the newly elected president, Mr. George A. Martin.

The members and friends of the Appomattox Assembly will hold its regular meeting at the Galilee Baptist Church Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30. Mr. Anderson has been invited as special guest. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Maggie Tibbs is receiving special treatment in the Lynchburg Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Deacon Jasper Thornton of the Promise Land Baptist Church entered the Lynchburg Marshall last Monday for surgery.

Mr. L. A. Beamon, a former principal here visited friends here Monday.

A delicious pre-Christmas dinner was given by Miss Elizabeth Jordan at Maude's Restaurant. Guests to this affair were Mrs. Harriet Jones, Mrs. Lillie Stevens, Mr. Robert Watson, Mr. George Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. West, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Martin.

Mrs. Frances L. Tibbs, of Baltimore, Md., was New Year's guest of Miss Helen Stevens, also while in Appomattox she visited many other friends and relatives.

The Jerry Biggers of York, Pa., are here to visit and help with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Tibbs, who has been ill for quite some time and is now being observed in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Little Miss Tiffany Allen is spending a wonderful Christmas, her very first, with all of her grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Alabama Baptist

"Blessed in the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Psalms 1:1

Prayer Service at 11:30. Mrs. Alice Moore and Mrs. Catherine Haskins were in charge. Everyone joined in the service.

Happy New Year to everyone is extended from the pastor and members of the Alabama Baptist Church.

Regular preaching service was held at the Alabama Baptist Church with our pastor Rev. Elliott in charge. Scripture reading was by Rev. Wyatt T. Venable. Prayer by Rev. Howard O. Flood. Music was furnished by the Adult and Junior Choirs.

Rev. Elliott's text was taken from Ezekiel 36:26-27. Theme, "God's New Year Gift. A splendid message was preached. Everyone seem to enjoy the sermon. A large crowd attended the service the first Sunday in the New Year.

Visiting deacons from White Oak Grove, Mt. Lyle and Jordan Baptist Churches were present. The testimony service was great, also: "Because God Has Done So Much For Us."

Prayers went out to the sick and the ones that have been in the hospital. May God bless each and everyone.

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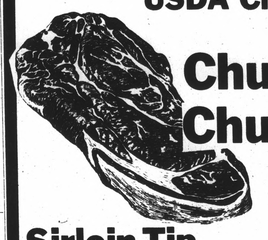

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